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SUBJECT: MRS. SADAT AND BOYCOTT PROVISION OF
WAF WA AMAL CONTRACT

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1. DURING MY TALK WITH MRS. SADAT TODAY, I RAISED THE MATTER OF THE BOYCOTT PROVISION (ARTICLE 15) OF THE NEWLY CONCLUDED CONTRACT BETWEEN THE WAF WA AMAL SOCIETY AND THE AMERICAN FIRM OF PERKINS AND WILL. I NOTED THE STRONG CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC ATTITUDES ABOUT THE BOYCOTT AND MY CONCERN THAT INCLUSION OF SUCH LANGUAGE WILL INEVITABLY CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR ALL OF US IN SOLICITING STATESIDE SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT.

2. MRS. SADAT INDICATED MINISTER AISHA RATEB HAD TELEPHONED HER ABOUT THIS MATTER IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR PERTINENT TALK (REFTEL A.) SHE, MRS. SADAT, HAD NEVER GIVEN THE MATTER ANY THOUGHT AND MINISTER OF RECONSTRUCTION OSMAN'S PEOPLE HAD PREPARED THE CONTRACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULAR EGYPTIAN CONTRACT PROCEDURES. SHE READILY AGREED SUCH BOYCOTT LANGUAGE IS BAD, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE PROBLEMS IT CAUSES, BUT BECAUSE SHE PERSONALLY SEES NO POINT TO THIS SORT OF THING.

3. SHE ASKED WHAT COULD BE DONE, NOTING HER OWN INCLINATION IS TO DROP OR CHANGE THE LANGUAGE. SPEAKING PERSONALLY,
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I SUGGESTED SHE DROP THE LANGUAGE ENTIRELY, SINCE DOING SO

WILL NOT RPT NOT IN ANY WAY AFFECT THE CONTRACT. SHE READILY AGREED THAT THE ENTIRE ARTICLE 15 BE DELETED AND ASKED THAT WE ADVISE MR. PIERSON OF PERKINS AND WILL OF CHICAGO, THAT SHE WILL SEND A LETTER TO HIM REQUESTING ARTICLE 15 BE DELETED AND THAT SUBSEQUENT ARTICLES BE RENUMBERED ACCORDINGLY.

3. COMMENT: HOPEFULLY, IF MRS. SADAT DOES THIS, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO AVOID THE PROBLEMS THAT A BOYCOTT PROVISO IS BOUND TO RAISE. IT IS POSSIBLE OSMAN WILL OBJECT, BUT OSMAN ACKNOWLEDGES HAS ONLY TWO BOSSES IN EGYPT - THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. SADAT. IF SHE PUTS HER FOOT DOWN, SHE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE HER WAY.
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